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SUBJECT: PANAMA ASKS ABOUT STATUS OF VICTIMS OF OPERATION  
JUST CAUSE

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Summary and Action Request  
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¶1. (SBU) Summary. The Embassy received a diplomatic note from the Panamanian MFA on January 30 asking about the "legal condition" in the U.S. of the victims of Operation Just Cause in 1989 and whether there are legal processes, administrative or judicial related to the "civil victims." The note states that this information is being sought at the request of the legal representative of those victims, Cinthya Patino Martinez. End Summary

¶2. (SBU) Action Request: Post requests guidance for response, if appropriate.

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¶3. (SBU) BEGIN TEXT:

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REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
Ministry of Foreign Relations  
PANAMA 4, PANAMA

AJ. 231/09

The Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama - Directorate General of Legal Affairs and Treaties - presents its compliments to the honorable Embassy of the United States of America and would like to request information on the legal condition in your country, of the victims of the December 20, 1989 U.S. military intervention.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama - Directorate General of Legal Affairs and Treaties - informs the Embassy that this request is to reply to attorney Cinthya Patino Martinez, legal representative of those victims, who would like to know about the legal situation of those persons in U.S. jurisdiction.

Likewise, it would like to know if there are legal processes, whether administrative or judicial related to civil victims of those events, in U.S. jurisdiction and the situation of each one of them.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama - Directorate General of Legal Affairs and Treaties - takes this occasion to reiterate to the honorable Embassy of the United States of America the Assurances of its highest

consideration.

January 14, 2009

End TEXT.  
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